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 SOCIETY NEWS
 BULLETIN OF THE ENFIELD ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

FORTHCOMING LECTURES: THIS MONTH SEES THE START OF THE WINTER LECTURE PROGRAMME, DETAILS OF WHICH ARE GIVEN BELOW. A LIST OF BOOKS HAS BEEN INCLUDED TO GIVE MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ ABOUT THE SUBJECTS AND ENABLE THEM TO FOLLOW THE LECTURES MORE CLOSELY. THE PROGRAMME COVERS A WIDE RANGE AND WE HOPE THAT MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND AND BRING THEIR FRIENDS.

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1959. "GREECE - 5,000 YEARS IN 5 DAYS" Mr. J. N. ADAMS

MR. ADAMS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY, SPENT FIVE DAYS IN GREECE THIS YEAR WHEN HE VISITED SEVERAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES. THIS LECTURE WILL INCLUDE AN ACCOUNT OF HIS VISIT AND A GENERAL SURVEY OF GREEK HISTORY.

BOOKS TO READ: "THE BULL OF MINOS", L. COTTERELL. "THE GREEKS", H. KITTO. THE ILIAD AND THE ODYSSEY, HOMER (PENGUIN TRANSLATIONS). "THE VIOLET CROWN", AN HISTORICAL NOVEL BY J. LEVY.

NOVEMBER 6TH, 1959. "THE ROMAN LEGIONARY FORTRESS AT INCHTUTHILL, SCOTLAND" PROFESSOR I. A. RICHMOND, LL.D., F.B.A., F.S.A.

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SITUATED ON THE TAY IN PERTSHIRE, INCHTUTHILL WAS BUILT BY AGRICOLA AS PART OF HIS PLAN FOR THE CONQUEST OF SCOTLAND. THE FORTRESS WAS EVACUATED IN A.D.90 FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF A LEGION WHEN THE FRONTIER WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE LINE LATER FOLLOWED BY HADRIAN'S WALL. THE SITE HAS BEEN EXCAVATED SINCE 1952 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF PROFESSOR RICHMOND AND DR. J. K. ST. JOSEPH. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BUILDINGS UNCOVERED ON THE SITE WAS THAT OF A MILITARY HOSPITAL, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND FOUND IN BRITAIN.

BOOKS TO READ: BRIEF REPORTS OF THE EXCAVATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE JOURNAL OF ROMAN STUDIES FROM 1952 ONWARDS. FOR A BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE, "ROMAN BRITAIN", I. A. RICHMOND, AND "ROMAN BRITAIN AND THE ENGLISH SETTLEMENTS", R. G. COLLINGWOOD AND J. N. L. MYRES, ARE RECOMMENDED.

DECEMBER 4TH, 1959. "IRON AGE HILL FORTS IN S. E. ENGLAND" MRS. M. A. COTTON, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.S.A.

IRON AGE HILL FORTS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN STUDIED IN DETAIL BY MRS. COTTON AND HER WORK HAS RESULTED IN A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PERIOD 500 B.C. - 43 A.D.

BOOKS TO READ: "PREHISTORIC BRITAIN", J. & C. F. HAWKES. "PREHISTORIC ENGLAND", G. CLARK.

JANUARY 15TH, 1960. "LATE SAXON METALWORK" Mr. D.M. WILSON, M.A., F.S.A.

MR. WILSON, WHO IS ASSISTANT KEEPER OF BRITISH AND MEDIEVAL ANTIQUITIES AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM, HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT RESEARCH ON SAXON METALWORK AND MUCH OF HIS MATERIAL HAS YET TO BE PUBLISHED. MEMBERS ARE ADVISED TO VISIT THE BRITISH AND LONDON MUSEUMS AND EXAMINE THE SAXON OBJECTS DISPLAYED THERE.

BOOKS TO READ: "A HISTORY OF THE ANGLO-SAXONS", BY G. P. A. HODGKINSON, IS SUGGESTED FOR A SURVEY OF THE PERIOD CONCERNED. "ARTS IN EARLY ENGLAND", BALDWIN BROWN, AND THE BRITISH MUSEUM CATALOGUE OF ANGLO-SAXON ANTIQUITIES ARE ALSO RECOMMENDED.

EXCAVATIONS, PERRIORS MANOR, CHESHUNT: WORK ON THE MEDIEVAL SITE AT PERRIORS MANOR, CHESHUNT, IS NOW ALMOST FINISHED. THE HOUSE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CLEARED RESULTING IN THE FINDING OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF POTTERY AND OTHER OBJECTS. SOME OF THE FINDS WERE DISPLAYED AT THE MEMBERS NIGHT MEETING IN AUGUST. SEARCH WAS ALSO MADE FOR A CHAPEL BELIEVED TO HAVE EXISTED ON THE SITE BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. A FULL REPORT OF THE EXCAVATIONS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY GROUP: A SMALL GROUP OF MEMBERS HAS UNDERTAKEN A PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION OF NEGATIVES AND PRINTS OF BUILDINGS AND FEATURES OF INTEREST IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SEND ANY PRINTS AND ESPECIALLY NEGATIVES THEY WISH TO DONATE TO THIS COLLECTION TO THE HON. SECRETARY. REQUEST IS MADE PARTICULARLY FOR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF FEATURES WHICH NO LONGER EXIST. IN THIS WAY IT IS HOPED TO CREATE AN HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE AREA IN PHOTOGRAPHIC FORM. THE SECRETARY WILL BE GLAD TO SUPPLY FURTHER INFORMATION ON REQUEST.

GRIM'S DYKE, BROCKLEY HILL: DR. KENT, THE DIRECTOR OF EXCAVATIONS, WAS RECENTLY PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE GRIM'S DYKE EXCAVATIONS AT BROCKLEY HILL. THIS IS A PROJECT SPONSORED BY THE NORTH MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE UNDER PROFESSOR W. GRIMES.

A WELL PRESERVED SECTION OF THE DYKE CAN BE SEEN ON THE PINNER GOLF COURSE. EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO TRACE THE EARTHWORK EASTWARDS, OF WHICH THAT BY DR. KENT WAS THE LATEST ATTEMPT. A SECTION WAS DUG THROUGH A BANK CLOSE TO THE ROMAN SETTLEMENT OF SULLONIACAE. (NAT. GRID. REF. TQ 178937). THE EXCAVATION PROVED THIS TO BE A 19TH CENTURY PLOUGH LYNCHET AND NOT GRIM'S DYKE. FINDINGS WHICH WERE CONFIRMED BY THE LATER DISCOVERY OF AN ESTATE PLAN SHOWING THE BANK IN USE AS A FIELD BOUNDARY.

THE LESSON TO BE DRAWN FROM THIS IS NOT TO ACCEPT ANY EARTHWORK AS BEING ANCIENT WITHOUT FIRST DIGGING A SECTION THROUGH IT. THIS APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO THE SO-CALLED "AGGERS" OF ROMAN ROADS. THE DIGGING TEAM OF THE SOCIETY WILL NO DOUBT RECALL THE 1958 SEASON WHEN SEVERAL "AGGERS" WERE EXAMINED AND FOUND TO BE EITHER DUMPS OF CLAY FROM NEARBY GRAVEL PITS OR MEDIEVAL BOUNDARY BANKS!

ROMAN POTTERY, EDMONTON: DURING THE EXCAVATION OF FOUNDATION TRENCHES AT No. 432 CHURCH STREET, EDMONTON, (NAT. GRID. REF. 51/328947), A ROMAN TETTINE OR FEEDING CUP WAS RECOVERED. THE EXACT FIND SPOT WAS 25 FEET FROM THE EDGE OF THE ROAD AND 20 FEET FROM THE BANK OF SALMONS BROOK IN THE NORTH WEST ANGLE FORMED BY CHURCH STREET AND SALMONS BROOK AT A DEPTH OF 10 FEET.

THE CUP, WHICH IS COMPLETE BUT FOR THE RIM, RESEMBLES IN SHAPE A MODERN HOSPITAL FEEDING CUP. IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE MEMBERS NIGHT MEETING IN AUGUST BY MRS. V. FRIEDENSON WHO LATER EXAMINED THE SITE OF THE DISCOVERY IN THE COMPANY OF MESSRS. J. SYKES AND I. JONES. NO FURTHER REMAINS WERE FOUND BUT ENQUIRIES REVEALED THAT THE SOIL IN WHICH THE POT WAS FOUND WAS MODERN FILLING BETWEEN THE CULVERTED SALMONS BROOK AND THE ORIGINAL STREAM BANK. THE FILLING WAS DUMPED THERE ABOUT THIRTY YEARS AGO.

DR. KENT EXAMINED THE CUP AND THOUGHT THAT IT PROBABLY CAME FROM A BURIAL: HE SUGGESTED A DATE OF ABOUT 100 A.D. FOR ITS MANUFACTURE.

DRAWINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CUP HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION. IT IS HOPED TO ARRANGE FOR THE CUP TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE FORTY HALL MUSEUM.

THANKS ARE DUE TO MR. AND MRS. A. ROLEY FOR PERMISSION TO EXAMINE THE CUP AND FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ITS DISCOVERY.

BOOK LIST: IT IS PROPOSED TO INCLUDE A LIST OF RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND RELATED PUBLICATIONS IN FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BULLETIN. THIS WAS AN IDEA SUGGESTED BY ONE OF THE MEMBERS, MISS S. READMAN, WHO WILL SUPPLY INFORMATION ON NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"GREAT COINS AND MEDALS" JEAN BABELON AND JEAN ROUBIER. PUBLISHED BY THAMES HUDSON AT 63/-. 1959. THE 167 LARGE PLATES REPRODUCE FROM COINS AND MEDALS THE IMAGES OF SUCH AS ALEXANDER THE GREAT, CHARLEMAGNE, MICHAELANGELO, ELIZABETH I AND ERASMUS. THE AUTHOR, WHO IS DIRECTOR OF THE CABINET DES MEDAILLES AT THE BIBLIOTHEQUE NATIONALE, PARIS, CONCENTRATES ON THE CHANGES IN REPRESENTATIONS OF THE HUMAN FACE FROM THE 7TH CENTURY B.C. TO THE MIDDLE OF THE 16TH CENTURY A.D.

THE ANCIENT PEOPLE AND PLACES SERIES. ED. G. DANIEL

"MALTA" J. D. EVANS. PUBLISHED BY THAMES HUDSON AT 30/-. 1959. 96 PHOTOGRAVURE PLATES, 24 LINE DRAWINGS, 7 MAPS.

"EAST ANGLIA" R. RAINBIRD CLARKE. TO BE PUBLISHED IN 1960 BY THAMES HUDSON AT APPROX. 30/-. 78 PHOTOGRAVURE PLATES, 30 LINE DRAWINGS, 3 MAPS.